Amendments To The Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1 – 6 (canceled)

7.   (new) A method for operating a technical installation comprising a plurality of components, comprising:

initiating an evaluation, by each component that is placed into operation or taken out of operation, of at least one other component by a numerical value;

totaling the numerical values of each component;

using the totaled numerical values to determine which components will be activated or deactivated; and

assigning at least one component at least one at least one initialization value and the initialization value is added to the totaled numerical values of the component.

8.   (new) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein at least one component is assigned at least one operating criterion and the operating criterion influences the initialization value of the component.

9.   (new) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein a startup and a shutdown command is issued for at least one component on the basis of a plurality of operating state values of the components and at least one setpoint value specification.

10.   (new) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein a startup or shutdown command is issued for at least one component on the basis of a plurality of operating state values of the components and at least one setpoint value specification.

11.   (new) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the technical installation is a combustion system for generating electric energy.

12.   (new) A control system for operating a combustion system for generating electric comprising a plurality of components such that during the operation of the technical installation each component that is placed into operation or taken out of operation initiates an evaluation of at least one other component by a numerical value, the numerical values of each component are totaled, and the totaled numerical values are used to determine those components which are to be activated or deactivated next, wherein

at least one actuation logic module and at least one component is assigned at least one initialization value and the initialization value is added to the totaled numerical values of the component.

13.   (new) The control system as claimed in claim 12, wherein at least one operating criteria logic module and at least one component is assigned at least one operating criterion and the operating criterion influences the initialization value of the component.

14.   (new) The control system as claimed in claim 12, wherein at least one switching logic by a startup and/or shutdown command is issued for at least one component on the basis of operating state values of the components and at least one setpoint value specification.